THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Out of 559 consequential train accidents during 2003-04 and 2004-05, 465 consequential train accidents have been attributed to human failure. Out of these, 280 have been on account of failure of Railway Staff and 185 on account of failure of other than Railway Staff.

(b) Safety Directorate of Ministry of Railways in consultation with other Directorates examines all the inquiry reports submitted by the Commission of Railway Safety and Judicial Commissions..during 2003-04 and 2004-05, 85 report of the Commission of Railway Safety have been examined in the Ministry of Railways containing 767 recommendations, out of which 693 recommendations have been accepted and 74 could not be accepted due to feasibility, practicality, financial and operational implications. During 2003-04 and 2004-05, inquiry report of G C Garg Judicial Commission has also been examined in the Ministry of Railways containing 44 recommendations, out of which 23 recommendations have been accepted, 17 have been partially accepted and remaining 4 could not be accepted as these pertains to educational qualification, recently revamped safety organization on Zonal Railways and technical matter on testing of rails.

(c) During the period from January, 2005 to October, 2005, out of 199* consequential train accidents, 105* have been attributed to the Failure of Railway Staff due to lapses on their part while performing duties and 67* have occurred on account of Failure of other than Railway Staff.

More payment option for purchasing train tickets

1179. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a recommendation by an Expert Group for more payment option for purchasing train tickets;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(* Figures are provisional)